

Rev. Robert C. Carey 5-31-89

The funeral for the Rev. Robert C. Carey, 77, of 1725 12th Ave. S.E., Aberdeen, was held Monday, May 22 in First Presbyterian Church, 318 S. Kline St., with the Rev. Gerald Rife officiating. Burial was in Sunset Memorial Gardens, under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel of Groton.

He died Thursday, May 18, 1989, at his home.

Robert C. Carey was born February 10, 1912, at Hayfield, Minn., to the Rev. Edgerton and Nellie (Daggett) Carey. He graduated from Hayfield High School, Macalester College in St. Paul, and McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago.

He spent one year at the General Assemblies Theological College in Belfast, Ireland, was ordained in 1938 at Hayfield, and accepted a call to Westhope, N.D., in 1938.

He married Lillian Pederson at Colgan, N.D., August 15, 1940. They lived at Westhope, where he was pastor of the First Presbyterian Church until 1958. They then moved to Groton, where he served as pastor of the First Presbyterian Churches of Groton and Stratford until his retirement in 1977, when they moved to Aberdeen.

He served as moderator of the synod of North Dakota and was chairman of its committee on National Missions. He also served in Presbytery offices, including the office of Stated Clerk.

In 1983 when the Presbyterian Church of Groton celebrated its centennial year, he was appointed Pastor Emeritus of the Groton and Stratford Churches to honor his 19 years of service to them.

He was a boy scout leader for many years and received the silver beaver award, scouting's highest recognition for adult leaders. He was a past member of the Kiwanis Clubs of Aberdeen and Groton.

Survivors include his wife of Aberdeen; one son, Brian Carey, Aberdeen; one brother, Col. John Carey, Whispering Pines, N.C.; one sister, Mrs. Andrew (Catherine) Hobart, Edina, Minn.; and two grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister.

Casketbearers were Jerroll Erdmann, Andrew Hobart, Clayton Pederson, Gordon Pederson, Ivan Pederson and Lyle Thompson.

The organist was Mrs. Myrel Evens and the soloist was Mrs. Robert Webb. The ushers were Ed Light and Ellsworth Karrigan.